



Easy

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1 End of Chain of Craters Road



Outstanding views of cliffs and windswept coast. In April 2003, lava flows covered the road. From the pavement's end and when lava flows are in the area, longer trails across rough rock may lead to better views of the lava or steam. After sunset, distant views of red lava or steam clouds are sometimes possible. Great star gazing on clear nights.

■ **Distance:** 1 mi / 1.6 km round-trip

Prepare for hot, windy, and rainy weather. Bring water and food. Flashlights are essential after dark for each person. Volcanic fumes are often present in this part of the park. From the ranger station, the road continues as a pedestrian walkway accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

2 Earthquake Trail



Enjoy the songs of forest birds and enjoy a spectacular view of Kīlauea Caldera from Waldron Ledge Overlook. This asphalt road was closed to cars in 1983 after severe damage from a magnitude 6.7 earthquake. The trail continues to Kīlauea Iki Crater.

■ **Distance:** 1 mi / 1.6 km round-trip

This trail is wheelchair accessible with some cracked and tilted sections. The first small overlook has a very steep descent, but the larger Waldron Ledge Overlook is wheelchair accessible. Bicycles are permitted on this trail.

3 Sulphur Banks Trail



Due to underground heat, this dramatic volcanic thermal area has very few trees. Also known as Ha'akulamanu, this unusual place, with steaming cracks and colorful mineral deposits, has been famous for birds and healing vapors.

■ **Distance:** 1.2 mi / 2 km round-trip

Due to sulphur fumes, people with heart or breathing problems, pregnant women, and young children should avoid this trail. Stay on the trail; beware of steam and cracks. From the Kīlauea Visitor Center, trail grades are eight to twelve percent. Wheelchair accessible from Steam Vents to Sulphur Banks (1.2 mi / 2 km round-trip).

4 Devastation Trail

Stroll across cinder fields from the famous 1959 eruption. Here, Hawaiian rain forest vegetation is rapidly returning in a stark volcanic landscape. Enjoy the spectacular view into Kīlauea Iki Crater from Pu'u Pua'i Overlook.

■ **Distance:** 1 mi / 1.6 km round-trip

The paved trail between Pu'u Pua'i and Devastation has grades greater than eight percent. Endangered nēnē (Hawaiian geese) frequent this area, so take care when parking. Do not feed nēnē. The nearest restrooms are located at the Thurston Lava Tube.



5 Kīpukapuaulu

Enjoy a treasure trove of Hawaiian plants and birds in this over 4,000 years old closed canopy forest. The original trail was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

■ **Distance:** 1.2 mi / 2 km loop

Shady loop trail has somewhat drier conditions than rain forest trails. Restrooms are available nearby at the picnic area.



Easy to Moderate

6 'Īliahi Trail

'Īliahi (Hawaiian for sandalwood) grows among native and non-native trees along this trail. Feel the heat from the steam vents and see Kīlauea's summit caldera on a mostly shady loop trail.

■ **Distance:** 1.5 mi / 2.4 km loop

Stay on trail. Beware of steep cliffs, deep earth cracks, and scalding steam.

7 Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs Trail

Walk in the footsteps of the kūpuna (elders) to Pu'u Loa (large hill)—a sacred and awe-inspiring gallery of petroglyphs. These simple etchings document the life and culture of the native Hawaiian people and cradle the piko (umbilical cords) of their children—brought with hopes of receiving the blessings of a long and prosperous life.

■ **Distance:** 1.5 mi / 2.4 km round-trip

Take water and prepare for hot, rainy, and windy weather. Volcanic fumes are often present in this area. The nearest restrooms are at the end of the Chain of Craters Road. Protect these precious petroglyphs by not walking on them.



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8 Pu'u Huluhulu (Hairy Hill)

Experience lava landscapes from the 1969 – 1974 Mauna Ulu flows. Walk by lava trees and climb 210 ft / 64 m to the top of a forested hill, Pu'u Huluhulu. View Mauna Ulu's frozen lava lake and immense steaming shield. Weather permitting, you can see Pu'u 'Ō'ō cone in the distance.



Distance: 2.5 mi / 4 km round-trip

Prepare for hot, windy, and rainy weather. Depending on the weather, volcanic fumes may be present. If you have heart or breathing problems, avoid this trail. This rocky trail over old lava flows leads to a forested hill. The trail switchbacks up 210 ft / 64 m to Pu'u Huluhulu hilltop.

Moderate to Challenging

9 Kīlauea Iki Trail

Descend through rain forest to Kīlauea Iki's frozen, but still-steaming crater floor. Peer into the 1959 vent below Pu'u Pua'i cinder cone.

Distance: 4 mi / 6.4 km loop

Prepare for hot, windy, and rainy weather. Bring water and food. Steep, rocky 400 ft / 122 m descent into the crater with switchback trail up the other side. Take care at cliff edges and cracks.



Challenging

10 Crater Rim Trail

Explore Kīlauea's amazing variety of spectacular volcanic features and ecosystems. Enjoy shady forests with sweet bird song and cross other-worldly landscapes with lava trees, steam vents, cinder fields, and deep craters. You can also hike smaller sections of this trail (see map below).

Distance: 15.6 mi / 25 km round-trip

Visitor Alert: Due to high amounts of dangerous sulfur dioxide gas, Crater Rim Trail is closed from Jaggar Museum to Chain of Craters Road. Bring water and food. Use care near cliffs and cracks. Those with heart or breathing problems should avoid this trail.



Trails Map

